



The Application for Benefits Eligibility (ABE)

An Introduction for MPE Providers & All Kids Application Agents

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Welcome!

To help you become familiar with ABE, the Application for Benefits Eligibility, the State of Illinois' new web-based application portal for Medicaid, SNAP and cash benefits, we have developed this overview. **ABE will launch on October 1, 2013**.

A few notes on recent changes to the Illinois Medicaid program before we begin:

- Throughout this document "Medicaid" refers to all health coverage programs provided by HFS, including All Kids; FamilyCare; AABD; the new ACA Adult group, coverage for undocumented pregnant women and children; and other health coverage financed by HFS using only State funds.
- Beginning October 1, 2013, individuals and families traditionally eligible for Medicaid can use ABE to apply and get coverage right away. Those immediately eligible, including three months of coverage retroactive from the month of application, are:
 - Children
 - Parents and other caretaker relatives raising dependent children
 - Pregnant women
 - Seniors
 - Persons with Disabilities
 - Blind Persons
- Beginning October 1, 2013, members of two new eligibility groups ACA Adults and Former Foster Children – may begin applying for Medicaid coverage through ABE – for coverage beginning January 1, 2014.
- Beginning October 1, we are also applying new federal Medicaid eligibility rules, including the new Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) standard. The ABE Application includes new questions on household composition, tax filing status and income.
- SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps) and cash benefits, including TANF, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, are immediately available through ABE.

If you have used either the All Kids/FamilyCare Online Application or the DHS Web Benefits Application, ABE application questions will be familiar, although some terms may have changed. **ABE will replace both of these existing web applications.** Existing web applications have been retired. Paper applications will still be accepted during the interim period.

In this overview, we will share screen shots of key pages in ABE so you know what to expect. The guide does not include every page in ABE

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What is ABE?

- ❖ ABE stands for **Application** for **B**enefits **E**ligibility, Illinois' new combined online application.
- Anyone can apply for **Medicaid, SNAP and cash benefits** through ABE.
- ABE also offers an "Am I Eligible?" screening tool to determine if a person is likely eligible for benefits before completing a full application. The screening tool, however, is not a substitute for a full application.
- ❖ Applicants are also able to use ABE to **upload verification documents** to support their application. Note, documents may not be submitted online after an application is submitted.
- ❖ Applicants can save an application in process and return to it later. Community partners, including Illinois Assisters, can help someone complete his or her own application.
- All Kids Application Agents (AKAAs) may submit benefits applications on behalf of Applicants for all programs – Medical, SNAP and cash.
- ❖ MPE Providers who are enrolled with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to presumptively enroll pregnant women in Medicaid may also use ABE. A broader Presumptive Eligibility program for hospitals, as mandated by the ACA, will begin in February 2014.
- ❖ In the future, customers will be able to check their benefit status, make updates to their accounts and renew their benefits through ABE.

ABE & The Affordable Care Act

- ❖ ABE can be used by anyone in Illinois seeking Medicaid coverage, including new groups covered as a result of national health care reform under the Affordable Care Act.
- Beginning January 1, 2014, Illinois will cover two new eligibility groups under Medicaid. Individuals may begin applying through ABE on October 1, 2013. Coverage will not start until January 1, 2014.
 - ACA Adults must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - adults age 19 through 64
 - not otherwise eligible for other medical assistance
 - no dependent children living with them
 - not eligible for Medicare
 - income at or below 138% FPL (a 5% income disregard is built in).
 - Former Foster Care Young Adults:
 - persons age 18 up to age 26 who were receiving Medicaid benefits when they aged out of the state foster care system, and are not otherwise eligible under Family Health Plans or AABD
 - no income or resource test for this group.
- ❖ Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) is the new national methodology for determining eligibility for Medicaid for children, parents or other caretaker relatives, pregnant women and ACA Adults. MAGI governs how states count income and household composition for these groups. It is similar to the way income is counted for federal income tax purposes. MAGI rules will not be used for AABD eligibility for seniors, blind persons or persons with disabilities.
- ❖ It is important to remind existing Medicaid recipients that Medicaid, including All Kids and FamilyCare, meets the ACA requirement for health coverage. There is no need for existing customers to reapply. There are no new or additional Medicaid benefits available to current recipients as a result of the ACA.

Is ABE the Right Place to Begin?

- ❖ ABE is always the right place to start to apply for SNAP or cash assistance.
- For Medicaid, begin an application in ABE if, based on the Applicant's income, you are fairly certain that they will qualify (part of a new eligibility group, current SNAP recipient, etc.).
 - If you are not sure if the client is eligible for Medicaid, use the ABE "Am I Eligible" screening tool.
 - If the Applicant is not likely to qualify for Medicaid, the best place to start is the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace to purchase private insurance. Financial help may be available through the Marketplace to help lower the cost of private insurance.
 - You can learn more about the Illinois Marketplace and available financial assistance at www.Healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596.
- ❖ There is no wrong door an application received by the Marketplace that looks to be eligible for Medicaid will be sent to the State and vice versa applications found to be ineligible for Medicaid will be sent to the Marketplace.

Completing an Application in ABE

- ❖ We strongly encourage everyone community partners, health care providers and the general public to use ABE to apply for Medicaid, SNAP or cash assistance. ABE has a number of features to ensure that application data is transferred accurately and efficiently to caseworkers for processing.
- ❖ Applicants should include as much information as possible in their ABE application.
- Expect to spend 30 to 45 minutes completing an application for benefits.
- ❖ ABE is a "smart" application. It will dynamically "build" the application based on the benefits requested and answers to application questions.
- ❖ ABE does not replace the need for caseworker interviews for SNAP and cash benefits; Applicants will be contacted within 14 days for this interview. In most cases, interviews can be completed over the phone.

Navigating in ABE

Please review the following tips on navigating through ABE.

- Do not use the Internet browser's back, forward or stop buttons while in the application. Use the buttons provided at the bottom of each page of the application.
- Use the "Save & Exit" button to save the information already entered and return to the application later.
- Your ABE session will time-out after 15 minutes of inactivity. You will need to log-in again to continue.



Close Window

The ABE Homepage





FAQ DEV

Your home to apply for Medical, Food and Cash Assistance with the state of Illinois



If you do not have a user id and password, click on 'Apply For Benefits' to create an account.

If you have not used a computer very much and would like to practice before you get started, click here.

Key to the ABE Homepage:

- #1. User ID and Login Applicants who have already started or submitted an application can enter their User ID and password here to continue working or check their status. First-time users click the blue, "Apply for Benefits" button (#5) to create a User ID and password.
- #2. MPE Providers and All Kids Application Agents have a separate log-in process (#2). They can also use this link to update registration information. More information about this process will be provided to these entities separately.
- #3. To register as a Community Partner or update community partner registration information, click on this "Community Partner" link (#3) or the blue, "Apply for Benefits" button (#5)
- #4. To reach an anonymous screening questionnaire to help determine if a person is potentially eligible for benefits, click the blue "Am I Eligible" button (#4).
- #5. To start a benefits application, click on the blue "Apply for Benefits" button (#5).

Section 2: Registering as an MPE Provider or All Kids Application Agent (AKAA)

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To register in ABE as one of these organizations, you must already be signed up for the role by the State of Illinois. You will need your State of Illinois Provider number, and the State will need to verify your registration before you can proceed.

Each organization should choose one individual to register as their ABE Agency Security Administrator (ASA). This person will be responsible for setting up and maintaining the security profiles of their organization's users once they register in ABE.

When assisting Applicants, MPE or All Kids Application Agent (AKAA) users will log-into ABE with their own usernames and passwords. Applicants will not create their own User IDs. Therefore, only the organization's approved users can save & continue or update an individual's application once it is in progress and only the organization can submit it. (Once an application is submitted, only a State caseworker can make changes).

If you decide that it would be best if the Applicant had access to their pending Application, you should register as a Community Partner and assist the Applicant in setting up their user account before starting the ABE application.

Registration Overview:

- Each organization, or each location of the organization if it has its own Provider ID, should choose a person to serve as the Agency Security Administrator (ASA). The ASA will be responsible for approving and maintaining the organization's ABE users.
- 2. The ASA should be the first person from the organization or location to register in ABE. When completing the registration screen, they should indicate that they are the designated security administrator in the "Type of User" section (see pg. 13).
- 3. Once the ASA registration is submitted, it will be verified by the State's ABE Global Security Administrator (GSA). The GSA will send an e-mail to the ASA indicating that the registration is approved.
- 4. The ASA should invite the organization's users to complete their own ABE registration, including creating their own user name and password.
- 5. The ASA will use the ABE "Manage My Account" feature to approve each ABE user.
- 6. If you have questions, please send them to abe.questions@illinois.gov.

Registering as an MPE Provider or AKAA

From the ABE Homepage choose the "MPE Provider or AKAA Login" link. You will use this link each time you return to ABE. <u>Do not use User ID and Password fields on the ABE homepage</u>.



Your home to apply for Medical, Food and Cash Assistance with the state of Illinois



If you do not have a user id and password, click on 'Apply For Benefits' to create an account.

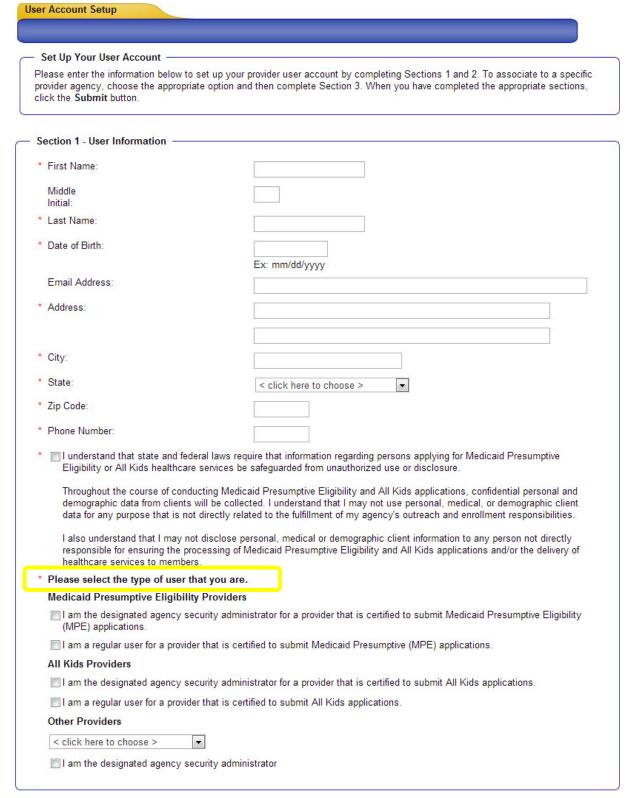
If you have not used a computer very much and would like to practice before you get started, click here.

First time users, choose "Create a new Provider User ID and Password."



Registering as an MPE Provider or AKAA

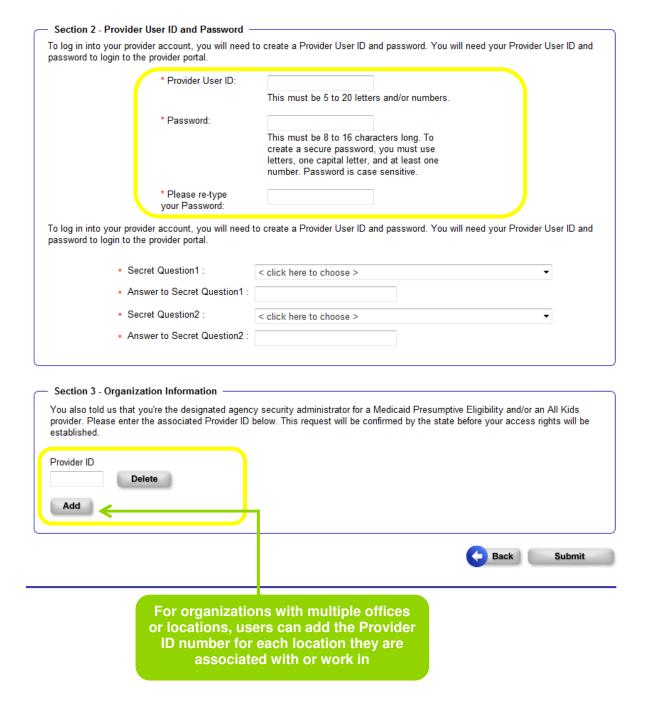
Each organization's Agency Security Administrator (ASA) will set-up the organization's initial registration by completing the fields in the "User Account Setup" page and indicating that they are the designated ASA in Section 1. Regular users will follow the same User Account Setup procedure and indicate that they are a regular user in the "Type of User" section.



Registering as an MPE Provider or AKAA

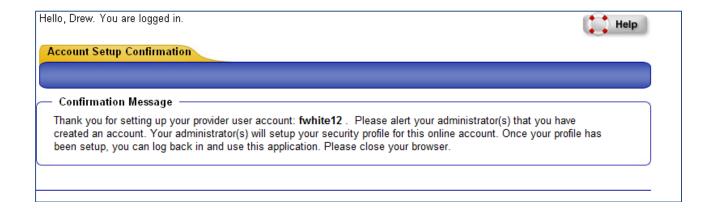
In Section 2, both the ASA and users will create a personal User ID and Password that they will use to login to ABE on an ongoing basis. (Remember to use the "MPE Provider or AKAA Login" link from the ABE homepage, not the login fields on the ABE homepage).

In Section 3, enter the Provider ID issued by the State of Illinois. *Note: The verbiage in Section 3 will change based on whether the user selected "designated ASA" or "regular user" in Section 1.*



Account Setup Confirmation

Following the completion of the User Account Setup page, you will be brought to this account set-up confirmation page. At this point, the State must approve the ASA user account and send an e-mail to the ASA notifying them that their users can being setting up their own ABE User Accounts. Users cannot proceed further until the ASA sets up the security profile for his or her account.



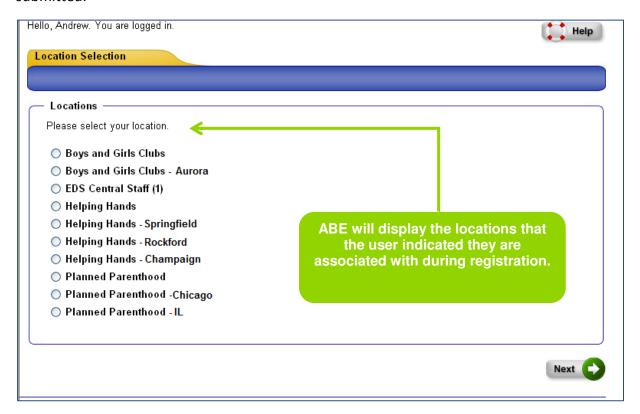
Log-In and Location Selection

Returning users will select the MPE Provider or AKAA Login from the ABE homepage and enter their ABE Provider User ID and Password.



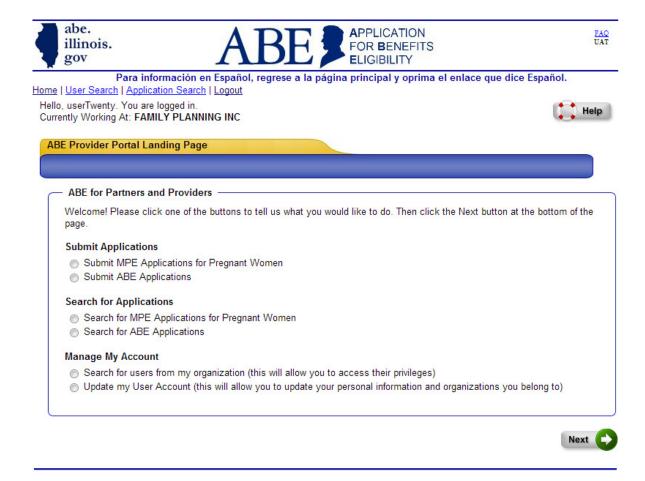
Once a user logs in – either an ASA or a user - the Location Selection page will display only <u>if</u> that individual is associated to more than one provider location. If a user is associated with only one location or no location, this page will not display and the user will be taken directly to the Landing Page.

Users should indicate the location from which the ABE application for this session is being submitted.



Landing Page for MPE Providers & AKAAs

After logging in, MPE Providers and AKAAs will be brought to this page where they can select the action they would like to complete in ABE.



Section 3: Completing an ABE Application

A Few Things about the Application Process

After logging in, the process for submitting an ABE Application, whether an AKAA or an Applicant, is the same from this point on.





FAQ UAT

Para informacion en Espanol, regrese a la pagina principal y oprima el enlace que dice Espanol.

Hello, Marie. You are logged in.



Apply For Benefits

Before you get started on your application, there are a few things you should know:

- √ If you live in Illinois, you may apply for the following benefits using this online application:
 - SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
 - Cash Assistance including:
 - . TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and
 - · AABD Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled
 - Health Coverage
 - Some people will qualify for Medical Assistance. This program is often called public aid or the medical card
 - Some people will qualify to buy an affordable private health insurance plan that offers comprehensive coverage if they do not qualify for Medical Assistance. Some people will also qualify for help to pay premiums for health coverage.
- ✓ You have the right to submit your application right away. The date DHS or HFS receives your application is your "application date" if it is received on a business day. This date may affect the date your benefits start. If the application is received or filed online after close of business, the date of application is the following business day. Business days are Monday through Friday most weeks and state business closes at 5:00 p.m. Weekends and State holidays are not business days. If you submit your application before you answer all the questions, it may take longer to decide if you qualify for benefits. A caseworker may have to contact you to get answers missing on your application.
- √ To submit your application for SNAP, CASH or Medical assistance right away, click on the "Save & Exit" button at the bottom of any page within the online application and choose the "Only set my application date" option. Your application will be sent to DHS or HFS office with only the information you have entered. You will still need to provide additional information and will not be able to change your answers or add information to your application. A worker will contact you to gather all of the other information that we will need to make a decision.
- ✓ If you prefer a paper form, click the link below for our paper form. You can click in the fields to answer the questions or print the form and fill out by hand. When you are done the form can be printed and mailed, faxed or brought in-person to an Illinois Department of Human Services office.

Paper form to apply for Cash, Medical and SNAP benefits(PDF)

A Few Things You Should Know

What if I need food right away?

If you are applying for SNAP you may be entitled to receive those benefits right away if:

- your gross non-exempt income and liquid assets are less than your monthly rent or mortgage payment and the
 appropriate utility standard; or
- you have liquid assets of \$100 or less and your gross monthly income for the month of application is less than \$150;
- you have liquid assets of \$100 or less and at least one person applying is a migrant who is "out of funds."

How long does it take to get my benefits?

It usually takes up to 30 days to get your SNAP benefits unless you need food right away and have little or no money. Cash and Medical applications take up to 45 days. Applications for Medical only based on disability take up to 60 days.

A Few Things about the Application Process (continued)

How much do I get?

That depends on your family size, your income and your expenses. If you are eligible for SNAP, benefits start from the date you apply. To see if you may be eligible for SNAP, click on the following link: SNAP Eligibility Calculator.

Do I have to come to the office to be interviewed?

If you are applying for Cash or SNAP benefits we will schedule an interview within 14 days. If you are applying for TANF cash assistance you may be required to come to the office for an interview. However, if you cannot come to the office because of problems with work, health, transportation or child care we can talk with you over the phone. If you are applying for Medical only, no office interview is required.

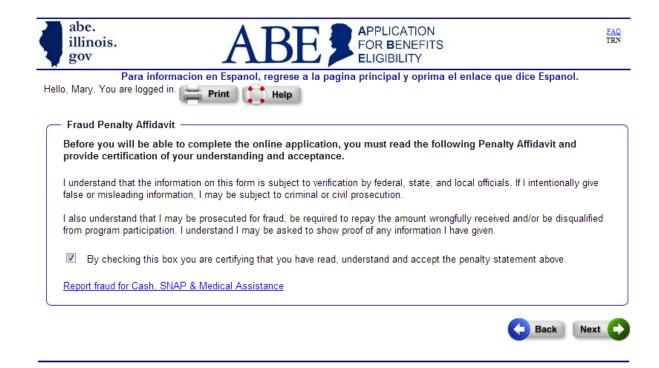
What information will I need to give you?

- · Proof of your identity such as a driver's license or photo I.D.
- · Full names and date of birth for everyone that is applying for benefits
- Social Security numbers for everyone applying. If Social Security numbers are pending, supply the date(s) the
 application(s) were made.
- · Proof of where you live
- · Information about all of the income everyone receives
- The Alien Registration Number for any person who is applying if he/she is not a U.S. citizen
- If you are applying for Cash or AABD Medical Benefits, information about the value of everyone's cash, checking and savings account
- · Amount of child or spousal support paid and the names of absent parents
- · Amount of housing costs
- What utilities you pay
- · Amount paid for care of a child or disabled adult

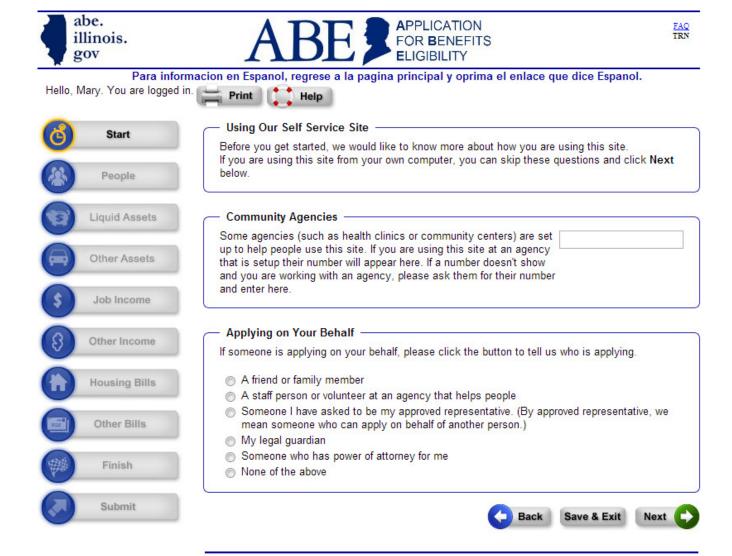


Acknowledge Penalties for False Information

The Applicant, not someone assisting with the application, should read and indicate understanding and acceptance of the Fraud Penalty Affidavit.

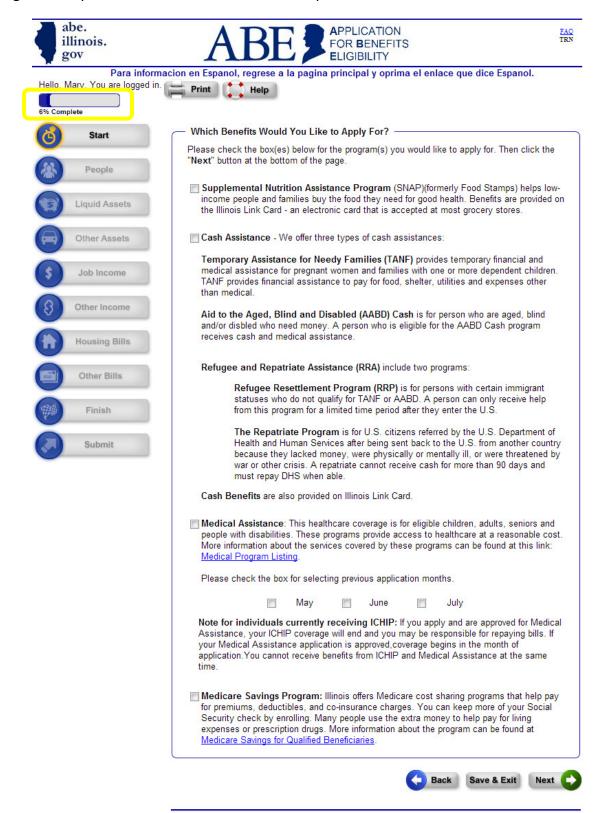


Getting Started



Select the Programs the Applicant is Applying For

ABE provides a detailed overview of available benefits. ABE will "customize" the application to gather only the information needed for the requested benefits.

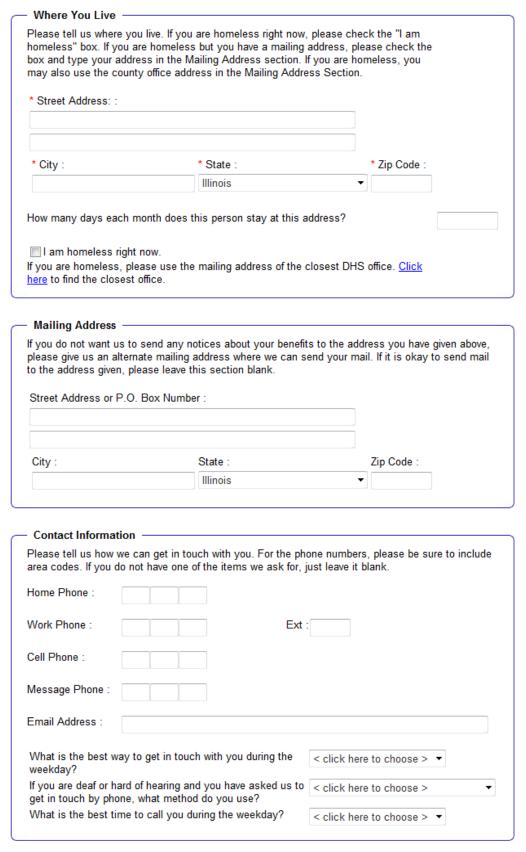


Applicant Information

Applicants will be asked identifying information. The red asterisks (*) indicate required information.

Information About You —		
First Name :	Middle Initial :	* Last Name :
Gender:	Male 向 Fema	le
* Date of Birth :		MM DD YYYY
* Please Confirm Date of Birth :		MM DD YYYY
Social Security Number :		
After you apply for benefits, you Please click the button to let us notices in English or Spanish.	_	_ ·
What county do you live in?		< click here to choose >

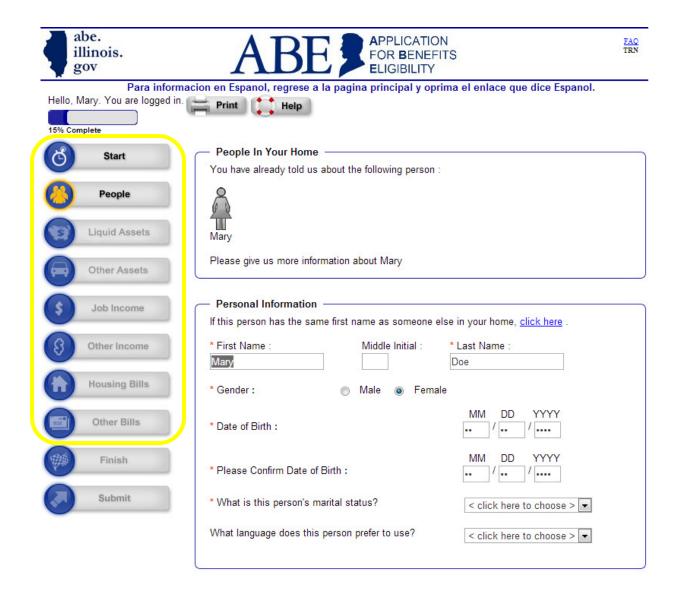
Applicant Information (continued)



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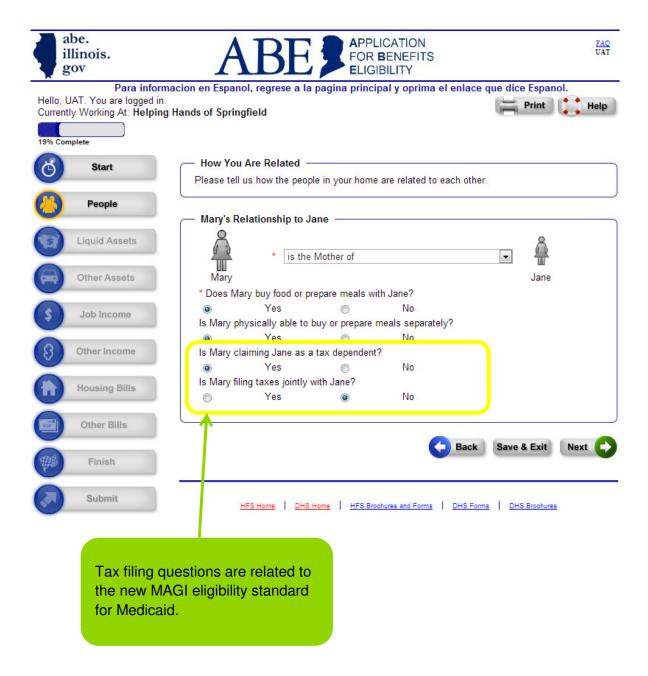
ABE will ask for several categories of information as indicated on the left-hand navigation bar. Applicants can save their data at any point and return to finish the application later. At the end of each data collection "module," the Applicant will review a summary of the information entered and have the opportunity to go back and make changes.

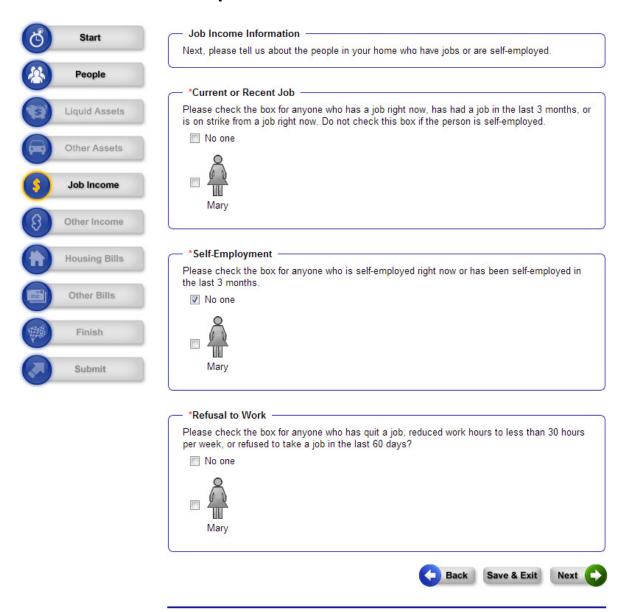
The following pages are just a sample of the types of question included in ABE.



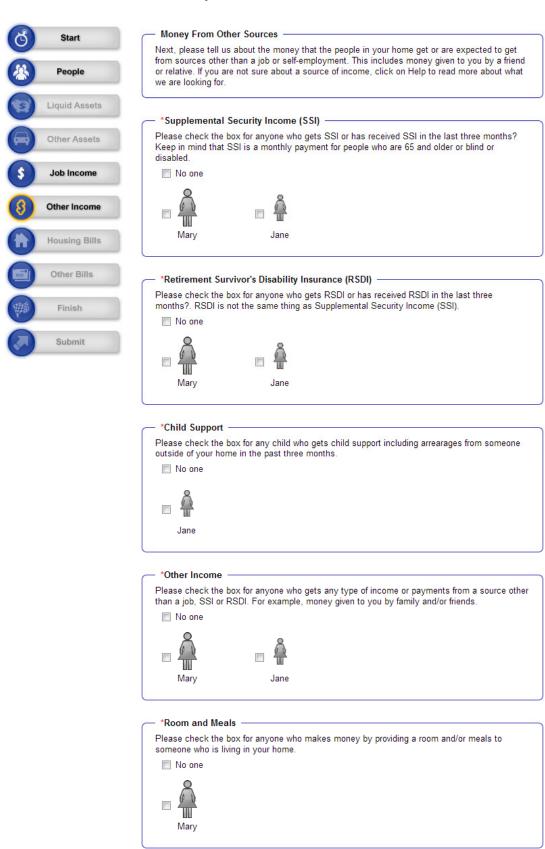
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People	O	
Liquid Assets	Mary	
Other Assets	Please give us more information about Mary	
\$ Job Income	Personal Information If this person has the same first name as someone else in your home, <u>click here</u> .	
(S) Other Income	* First Name : Middle Initial : *Last Name :	
Housing Bills	Mary Doe	
Housing bills	*Gender: Male Female MM DD YYYY	
Other Bills	* Date of Birth :	
Finish	* Please Confirm Date of Birth :	
Submit	*What is this person's marital status? < click here to choose > 🔻	
	What language does this person prefer to use? < click here to choose > ▼	
	Program Selection	
	Please check the box for the program this person is applying for. If you do not check a box, this person will not be applying for that program.	
	SNAP Medical Assistance	
	Tax Information * Is this person planning to file taxes this year?	
	○ Yes ○ No ○ I don't know	
	Citizenship Information	
	Keep in mind that you do not have to answer these questions if this person is not applying for benefits.	
	Social Security Number :	
	Please Confirm Social Security Number :	
	Is this person a U.S. citizen? Yes No	"Tax Information" is a new
	If you or any other member of your SNAP unit are not applying for SNAP benefits because you do not wish to provide information about your immigration status, you do not have to give us that information. The failure to provide immigration information will not affect processing for the	application question related to the
	remaining members of the SNAP unit. However, any member of your SNAP unit who is applying for SNAP benefits for himself or herself has to provide information on their immigration status.	new MAGI eligibility standard for
	If this person does not have a Social Security Number (SSN), but has applied for one, when did he or she apply? Ex: mm/dd/yyyy	Medicaid.
	If this person is not a U.S. citizen, and is a documented alien, what is their date of entry? Ex: mm/dd/yyyy	
	What is this person's alien registration number?	
	Is this person a sponsor for an immigrant?	
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	Ethnicity Please select this person's ethnicity. You do not have to answer this question if you do not want to. Your answers will not be used to make a decision about your benefits.	
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	Race	
	Please select this person's primary race. You do not have to answer this question if you do not want to. Your answers will not be used to make a decision about your benefits.	
	 American Indian / Alaska Native Black / African American White Other Other	

Residence Information	
Is this person a resident of Illinois?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Does this person plan to stay as a resident of Illinoi	is?
Did this person come to Illinois with a job commitm	ent or looking for work?
Is this person a migrant or seasonal farmworker?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Where does this person live?	In this Home
If this person lives in a facility, what is the name of that facility?	
When did this person enter the facility?	
	Ex: mm/dd/yyyy
If this person lives in a facility, when did this person leave, or expect to leave, the facility?	Ex: mm/dd/yyyy
Veteran Information	
Is this person a veteran?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Is this person on active duty?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Is this person a spouse of a deceased veteran?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Is this person a child of a deceased veteran?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Is this person a 100% disabled veteran?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Did this person apply for VA health care benefits?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Is this person receiving VA health care benefits?	⊚ Yes ⊚ No
Has this person moved from, or received assistance time after August 1996?	e from, another state any
If yes	
State :	< click here to choose >
County:	
What type of assistance?	< click here to choose >
Date received assistance from another state	
Date moved to Illinois :	Ex: mm/dd/yyyy Ex: mm/dd/yyyy
Consumedanta Maria	Lx. IIIII/dd/yyyy
Caseworker's Name : Caseworker's phone number :	
Did this person apply for benefits or receive benefits	s from Illinois in the past? Yes No
If yes, please give the name(s) under which this person applied / received (Maiden name, alias, former spouse etc.)	
If yes, enter the Social Security number provided by this person for the previous application or case. :	·
People in the Home	
* How many people are in your home? Do not forg who are temporarily out of your home for less that burial assistance, do not forget to include people sure, <u>click here</u> to read more about what we are a	n 30 days! If you are applying for who are deceased . If you are not





Start Start	More About Mary			
People	questions below to to		or nad a job in the past thr	ee months. Please answer the
Liquid Assets	Employer			
Other Assets	Employer : Employer A	Address :		
Job Income		City:	State :	Zip Code :
Other Income			Illinois	■
Housing Bills	Employer Phone :			
Other Bills	Job Title When did Mary start this job?			
Finish	Is Mary's payment from	x: mm/dd/yyyy om employment e	xpected to continue for the	e next 30 💮 Yes 💮 No
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	each hour. (Please g overtime and other k Please tell us how m	the hour, please t give us Mary's regi inds of pay below. nany hours Mary v r, try to estimate t	ell us the amount that Mar alar rate of pay. We will as	k about
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Save & Exit

Completing the Application: Signing & Submitting

Applicants will be asked to review the Rights & Responsibilities for each benefit program applied for and electronically sign the application.

Signing Your Application

You are just a few minutes away from submitting your application. To do so, you will need to:

- Read the Rights and Responsibilities we have listed below.
- Check the signature box and type your name below to sign your application.

Do I have to come to the office to be interviewed?

If you are applying for Cash or SNAP benefits we will schedule an interview within 14 days, usually at our office. However, if you can not come to the office because of problems with work, health, transportation or child care we can talk with you over the phone. If you are applying for TANF cash assistance you must come to the office for an interview. If you are applying for Medical only, no office interview is required.

SNAP - CLIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Read carefully! Ask your caseworker to explain anything you do not understand.

Because the SNAP program requires a social security number (SSN) for every member of your household who is applying for SNAP benefits, we are explaining how your SSN is used by DHS.

What does DHS do with your Social Security Number?

The SSN will be used in the administration of the SNAP program to check the identity of household members, prevent duplicate participation, and to facilitate making mass changes. If you or any member of your household wants to apply for SNAP benefits, but does not

Cash / Medical Assistance - CLIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Read carefully! Ask your caseworker to explain anything you do not understand.

To receive benefits, a person must have a valid Social Security Number (SSN) or proof that they have applied for one, unless exempt. If you or any member of your household wants to apply for assistance, but does not have a SSN, we can help you to apply for one. State law requires us to explain how your SSN is used by the State of Illinois.

- ✓ Your Social Security Number (SSN) will be used in the administration of the cash and/or medical program to check the identity of household members, prevent duplicate participation, and to facilitate making mass changes.
 - . The SSN will be used in computer matching and program reviews or audits and to

Completing the Application: Signing & Submitting (continued)

Offer of Illinois Voter Registration Application * If you are interested in registering to vote, you may complete the Illinois Voter Registration. Application (Illinois Voter Registration Application — SBE R-19) Illinois Voter Registration Application (English Version) (pdf) Aplicación Para Registro De Votantes De Illinois (Spanish version) (pdf) • 伊利諾州選民註冊申請 (Chinese version) (pdf) and return it to your local election office or your Family Community Resource Center. Office Information Based on the information you provided in your application, the system will send your application to the following DHS/HFS office: South Loop FCRC 1112 S WABASH CHICAGO IL 60605-2351 Phone Number: (123) 456-7890 If you would like to be served at an alternate office, please select your office of choice from the list below: Applicants are assigned to an Service Office: office based on zip code, but SOUTH LOOP FCRC ▼| they may also select an office **Electronic Attestation** I have agreed to submit this application by electronic means. By signing this application electronically, I declare under penalties of perjury that my answers are correct and complete to the best of any knowledge and belief. I also declare the following: · I understand the questions and statements on this application. . I have read and understand my Rights and Responsibilities in the box above. · I understand the penalties for giving false information. . I understand that upon verification of my information, this attestation will have the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature. * Manage of the strength of information in the application. * First Name Middle Initial: Last Name The Applicant, not someone Back Submit assisting with an application, must complete the Electronic Attestation.

Submission Summary

After clicking "Submit," the Applicant will be given a tracking number and the option of printing a copy of the application. The Applicant can log out or upload verification documents.

Application verification documents or "proof" can only be submitted with the initial application by clicking "Next" from this page. If you navigating away from this page by choosing "Return to IES Home" or logging out, you cannot return to submit proof through ABE.



Submitting Verification Documents

In cases where applicants have social security numbers (SSN) for each person on the application [Note: SSNs cannot be required from those not applying for benefits, but are helpful], it is possible that additional proof may not be required since information can be verified electronically. The exception is if an applicant's circumstances have changed recently and the electronic verification sources don't yet reflect those changes.

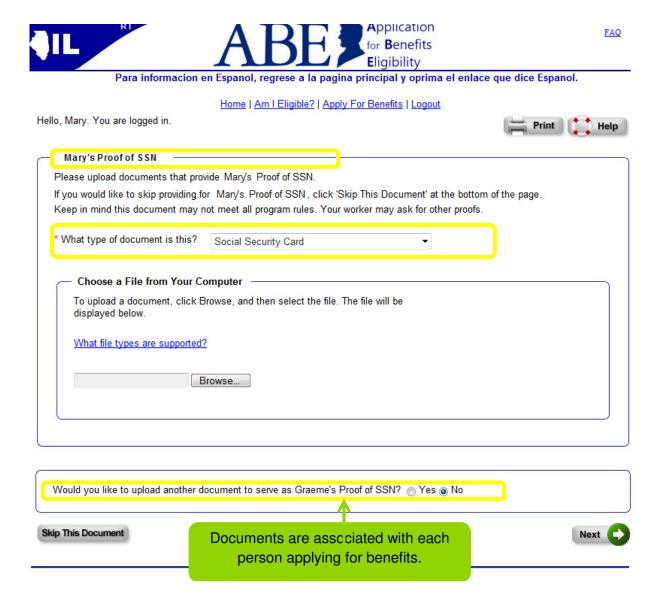
If someone does not have a SSN, that is alright, the application can still be processed. One of the great new features of ABE is the ability to securely submit verification documents with an application. Below are types of proof that may be necessary and the types of documents that may serve as proof to ensure the application is successfully processed.

An applicant does not need to collect all of these documents to submit an ABE application. If the state needs additional information, it will send a written request to the applicant.

Who	Proof That May Be Needed	Examples of Documents That	Provide one of the following documents: US Passport, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of US Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)or a document from a federally recognized Indian tribe. If these are not available provide one item from each column for each U.S. citizen:		
		Passport, Certificate of Natural Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)o federally recognized Indian tril If these are not available provi			
		Place of birth	Identity		
		Certified copy of a birth certficate from the state or county where the person was born	Driver's License		
			State issued ID card		
	Proof of Citizenship	Final adoption decree	School ID		
		Official military record that	U.S. Military ID		
		shows a place of birth	U.S. military dependent card		
		Papers showing the person was employed by the U.S. government before 1976.	Other government ID (city,county or state issued)		
			For children under age 16, school or daycare records, or a parent or guardian's signature on this application		
	Proof of Illinois Residency	receipt,utility bill,document fro Homeland Security, medical r home owners insurance, state shelter, property tax bill, emplo enrollment records, mail docu	Illinois driver's License, rent/ lease/ mortage receipt,utility bill,document from U.S. Department of Homeland Security, medical records/ clinic cards, home owners insurance, statement from homeless shelter, property tax bill, employment records, school enrollment records, mail document showing postmark within last 30 days with illinois address, other ID with a name and addresses.		
	Proof of SSN	Social Security Card	West control controls with		
	Proof of living with	Proof of a child living with a pa	rent or caretaker relative		

Submitting Verification Documents

ABE will provide an upload screen for each document category selected on the previous page. Documents are associated with each person applying for benefits on the Application.



ABE & the Integrated Eligibility System (IES)

- The Integrated Eligibility System (IES) is the new caseworker portal for eligibility determination and case management.
- Once a customer submits an application in ABE, the status in ABE will change to "Submitted."
 - At this point, a customer can no longer make changes to their application in ABE but they are able to view the information they submitted.
- The new application will appear in an electronic inbox where a caseworker will take it from the queue and register it. The application status in ABE will change to "In Process."
- ❖ The caseworker will schedule an interview with the customer, if necessary, and complete the data collection process. Interviews are required for SNAP and Cash Assistance.
- ❖ IES includes new electronic tools that interface with State and Federal data sources to verify information provided in the ABE Application. Applicants will be asked to provide required documentation for any information that cannot be verified electronically or to show proof of any information on the application that conflicts with electronic data such as a change in income due to a job loss or job change.
- The caseworker will then complete the determination of eligibility and the Applicant will receive a written notice of the decision in the mail. Applications for most Applicants who request but do not qualify for Medicaid will be automatically transferred to the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace and will be used to determine what financial help would be available to reduce the monthly costs of buying health insurance through the Marketplace.

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The Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility (MPE) program is for pregnant women. Under MPE, pregnant women can get immediate outpatient services for a limited time. Eligibility for the program is based on a medically verified pregnancy and the woman's statement of her family's gross monthly income. Only qualified providers enrolled with HFS as MPE providers can determine eligibility under the MPE program.

MPE Provider Qualifications

In accordance with federal requirements, only organizations that receive funding under one of the following programs can be an MPE provider.

- Federal community or migrant health programs (Section 329, 330 or 340 of the Public Health Service Act)
- Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant
- Title V of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act
- Title XIX (Medicaid) or Title XXI (SCHIP) for prenatal services
- Participates in a state perinatal program
- The Indian Health Service or a health program operated by a tribe or tribal organization under the Indian self-determination

In addition, MPE providers must

- Be enrolled in the Illinois Medicaid program
- Deliver outpatient hospital services, clinic services, or rural health care as defined by Title XIX of the Social Security Act

How to Become a MPE Provider

MPE providers must

- Be certified by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Have an MPE agreement with the department
- Attend department training

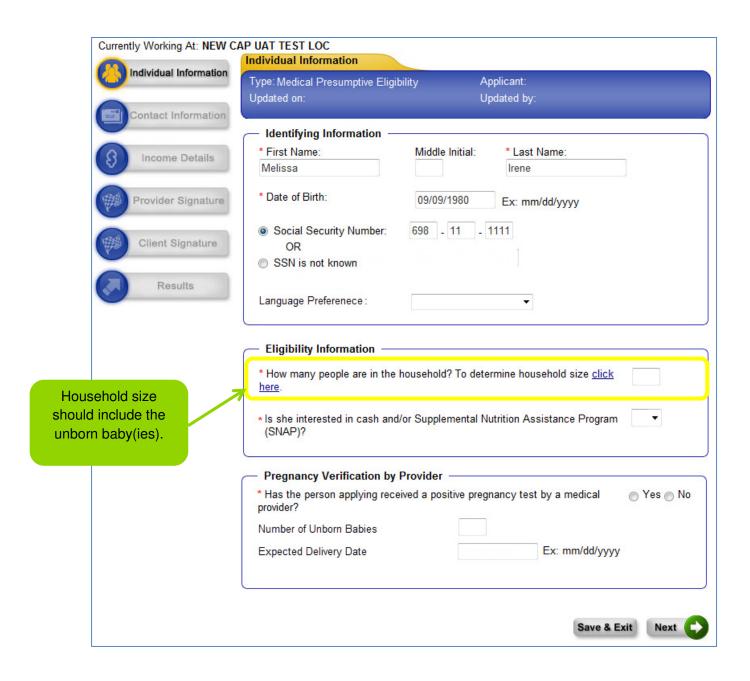
Organizations that meet the above qualifications and are interested in becoming a MPE provider should fax a request to the **Bureau of All Kids at 217-557-4274**.

MPE Provider Reimbursement

- There is no reimbursement for completing an MPE determination.
- Enrolled providers who provide medical care to MPE eligible women will be reimbursed at the current Medicaid rate.
- MPE providers may contact HFS at 217-782-5565 to obtain rate information for covered services or for billing inquiries.

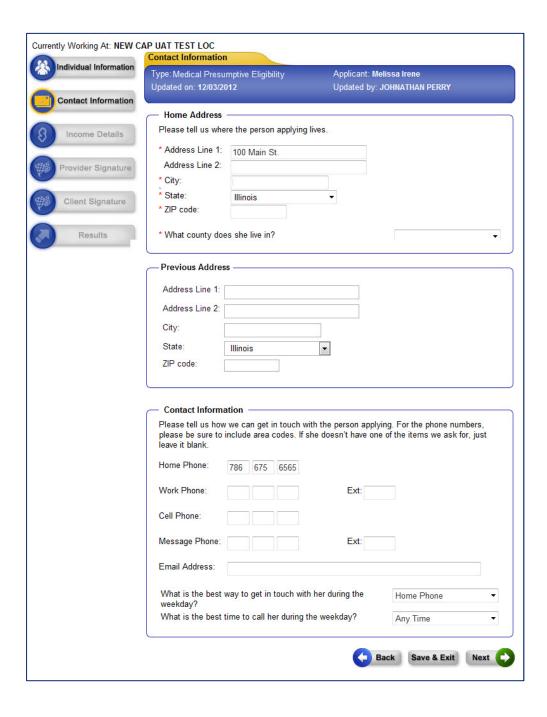
Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Individual Information

Step 1: Please supply identity, household and pregnancy information for the individual.



Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Contact Information

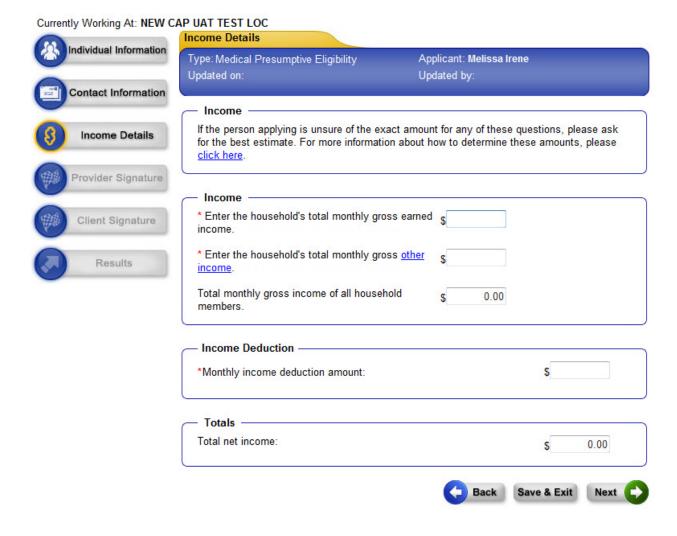
Step 2: Please provide contact information for the individual.



Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Income Detail

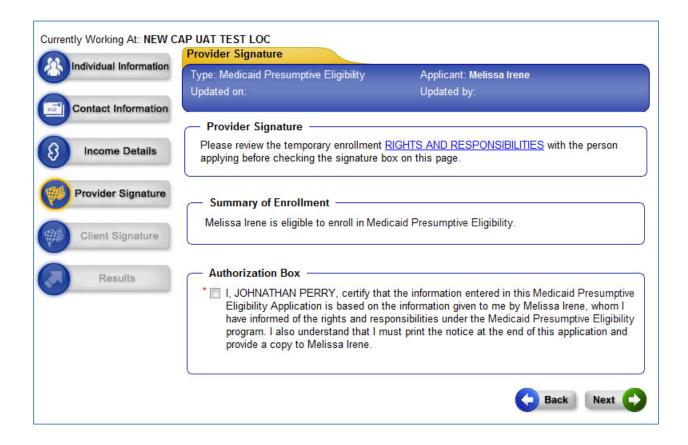
Step 3: The Income Details page collects information regarding household income and expenses. Applicants are asked to enter two amounts: the total monthly gross earned income and the total monthly gross unearned income amount. The page will automatically calculate total monthly gross income and total net income.

Financial eligibility will be calculated when the page is saved. Clicking "Next" will display the eligibility results on the Provider Signature page.



Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Provider Signature

Step 4: The Provider Signature page allows the MPE Provider to certify that the provided information was collected from the Applicant and that the Applicant has been informed of her rights and responsibilities. The electronic signature is collected via a checkbox, and the application stores the name of the MPE Provider (from the user ID), and the date the page is submitted as the "signature" date.



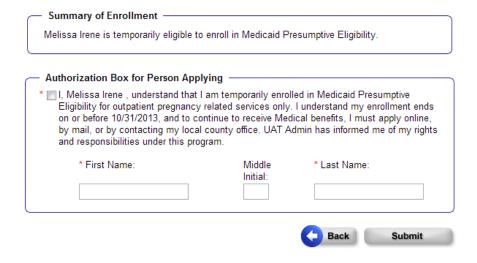
Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Applicant Signature

Step 5: Applicants and MPE Providers should review the previously entered information to ensure its validity. The MPE Provider must correct any incorrect information before submitting the enrollment.



Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Applicant Signature (continued)

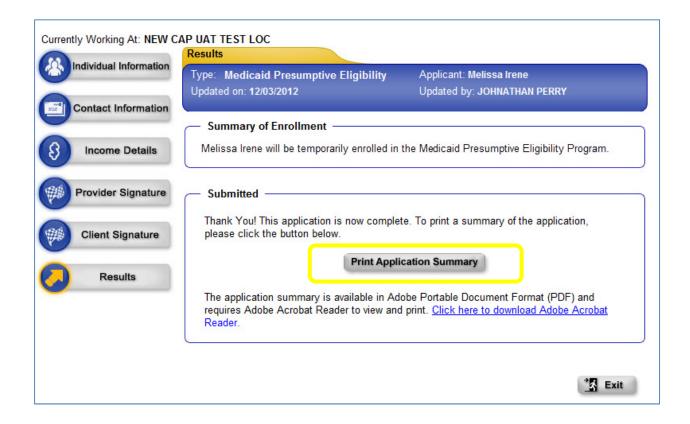
After reviewing the entered information, the Applicant should check the provided box verifying that she understands the eligibility results. The Applicant must then provide her first and last name. Once the page has been signed by the Applicant, clicking the Submit button will complete the application process and redirect the user to the Results page.



Presumptive Eligibility Enrollment: Results

Step 6: This page displays the Summary of Enrollment and notifies the MPE provider and pregnant woman that the application has been submitted. The 'Print Application Summary' button provides a PDF document that includes a summary of all the data entered in the application. The MPE provider must also provide the pregnant woman with the appropriate Notice of Instructions to Pregnant Applicant – Form KC3090 or KC3090K.

This is the last page of the application process, and once this page is reached, the user has no way to edit the submission. Clicking Exit will redirect the user to the Landing page.



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to review this overview and learn more about ABE - the Application for Benefits Eligibility. We hope you will find it a useful tool. If you have any questions about using ABE, please e-mail them to ABE.questions@illinois.gov.